REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwami (JP 5-178033) in view of Mitsuyoshi (JP 06171322). On page 2, item 2 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner appears to reject the claims based on the combination of Iwami and Mitsuyoshi, but did not include Mitsuyoshi in the first two lines under item 2 of the rejection. Since Mitsuyoshi was initially cited by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include this reference in a Form PTO-892.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 5 and 6. Since Applicants cancelled claims 1-2 and 4, all of the outstanding rejections are now moot. For this reason, allowance of this Application is respectfully requested.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this Application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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